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Move to settle soccer split

A move is afoot to reconcile the soccer Federation and Association and to establish a WA Soccer League.

The move to establish the league came from the WA Soccer Referees Association.

A committee formed of six Federation and six Association presidents and two members of the referees association drew up a constitution and submitted it to the federation.

Federation secretary Ralph Booth said, however, that the constitution was similar to the association's, in which case the federation would probably not agree to it.

He said that the federation intended writing to the association asking for affiliation, subject to certain conditions.

The conditions were that the federation remain as they were, conduct their own affairs as laid down by the constitution of the federation, and that federation players be eligible for State selection.

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NO SUNSTROKE FOR SOUTH AMERICANS

One country where the Government is definitely on the side of their soccer players is Brazil!

A recent decree issued by President Janios Quadrios limits the number of games a club can play.

Every club must guarantee its players at least 72 hours rest between matches and no games are allowed to be played during the months of December and January when the temperatures soar to 100 degrees plus.

Any clubs violating these laws are liable to be suspended for periods ranging from 15 days to one year.

15 days to one year — **JIM COOK.**

Hellas winger for N.S.W.

Star South Melbourne Hellas winger John Hatzigeorgious may play in Sydney.

According to the Sydney Morning Herald Pan-Hellenic Soccer Club have just managed to beat the interstate transfer ban.

They are hopeful of playing the Melbourne club player.

Club officials expect a clearance for Hatzigeorgiou soon.

Hatzigeorgiou will be a great force to the club at outside-left, their weakest position.

He arrived from Melbourne last Wednesday week and trained with the club.

Hellas club officials have promised to secure the player's clearance.

Hatzigeorgiou, 24, played with the international under 21 side before leaving Greece five years ago.

Prague, with 23 points, lead Pan-Hellenic and Polonia-North Side (20), with Canterbury fourth on 19 and Hakoah next with 18 points.

● **Hatzigeorgious was cleared from the VASFA on Monday.**

● **Attractive Didi Carli, Argentine ballerina, at the 19th Cannes Festival with Luis Madina Castro, top soccer footballer in Argentina.**

They were attending the Festival which was held last month.

Luis looks a happy boy with Miss Carli.

We think if we had been in Mr. Castro's boots we'd have been happy too!

Our picture was given to us by Rudolf Abouka-ter, a Melbourne resident who is correspondent for the Lebanese Press.

Italian star goes home

Former Italian star Marcello Sverenich left Australia by air to return to Italy to play top class soccer. His family will follow him by ship.

He has been offered a place in Venezia, a top grade 1st division team and by Taranto, a third division team.

Marcello plans to play for another two years then become a full time coach, a position he has successfully held in Italy and Australia.

Marcello, before leaving, stated he regretted he had lost two years of his football career with A.P.I.A., which this year was a hopeless team.

In years to come Australian clubs would be able to hold on and put the sport on a bigger scale.

Hakoah and Prague were given the lead in Sydney.

2 matches postponed

The Fifth Round of the Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday, September 2 and in order that the eight matches be played on this date the following alterations to fixtures have been made.

To be played on Saturday August 19 Dockerty Cup Fourth Round—Footscray v Fiorentina. Therefore the following matches listed for Saturday, August 19 are postponed: First North — Corio v Fiorentina; First North—Footscray v Maccabi.

BEWARE OF THE WOLFE!

TV star Digby Wolfe is knocking at the door of big soccer . . .

He captained ATN 7 against TCN 9 at Ldcombe Oval in Sydney, and the teams drew a crowd of more than 10,000.

Television celebrities turned their talents to Soccer and as result raised £2,000 for charity.

The two teams drew 4-4.

The match was notable more for its personalities than for the standard of football.

But the spectators enjoyed it and besieged the players with autograph books when it ended.

The proceeds of the game went to the Spastic Welfare Centre.

ATN 7 tok a three-goal lead after 30 minutes, but TCN equalised by half-time. Both sides scored a goal in the second half.

LADIES' TEAM

George Cross have formed a Ladies' Team—the first in Victoria. Coach is Mrs. A. Muscat.

Players include Mrs. W. Falzon, Mrs. P. Sacco, Mrs. T. Ciantar, Miss L. Vasily, Miss Gracie Scicluna, Miss Gay Azzopardi and Manager Miss Mary Vidal.

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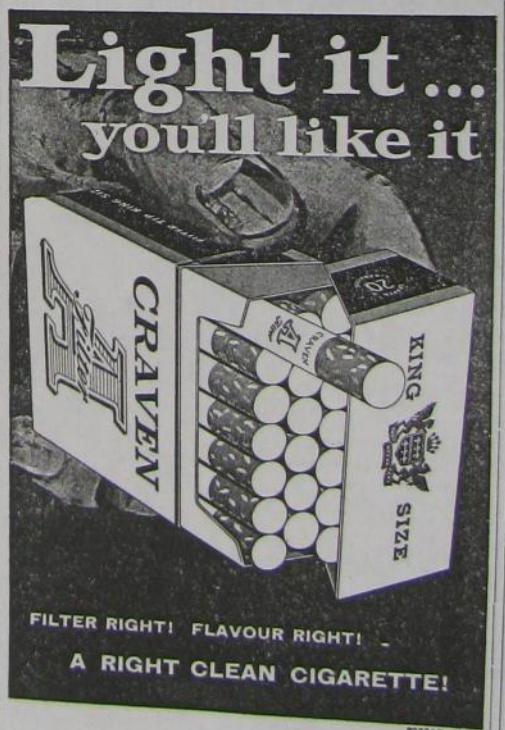

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Soccer lesson for Aspendale

By ALBERT MERRILLS

South Melbourne Hellas Under 12's gave the Aspendale team a lesson beating them to the ball and not wasting chances in front of goal. Aspendale had their chances but wasted them by not following up. Demarchi had a field day, scoring seven of his teams' 10.

Poynter scored the other three, and McCarthy was a tower of strength in defence, with Wheatley, the smallest on the field, backing up the forwards. Neylan scored Aspendale's goal.

St. Kilda Under 14's beat Polonia Fawkner 4-3 after extra time.

The game was played on a mud patch and St. Kilda took some time to settle down. Polonia Fawkner took advantage of this.

Thirty seconds from time St. Kilda was down 3-2 when Demarchi crossed the ball to Kasdaglis who scored the equalizer with a terrific shot.

In the 19th minute of extra time St. Kilda scored the winning goal through Grachan; their other goal scorer was Ian Shanks who also was their best player.

It was a hard game as both teams played in bad conditions.

GEO. CROSS WIN

In the Under 18 League George Cross were the victors over Box Hill High with a score of 14-1.

George Cross took the opportunity to better their goal average as it is almost certain that this year's premiership is going to be won by the team with the best goal average.

The goals were scored by Pisani 7, Vassallo 5, De Fazio and Privellaro.

Box Hill scored through Lamb.

ARDEER WIN

Sokil United Under 16's were knocked out of the Miller Cup by Ardeer who won 4-0.

Sokil forward line were unable to penetrate the Ardeer defence.

Only the good play of goalie P. Fedor, who made numerous saves right in the goal mouth, kept his team from a heavier defeat.

V. Mahorin also showed up well for Sokil.

Also in the Miller Cup, George Cross drew after extra time with Moorabbin and these two teams have a replay on August.

George Cross had most of the game but Moorabbin who opened the score from a free kick well outside the penalty area by Gardiner who headed the ball into the net.

In the second half George Cross showed some good work and Caligari equalized from an angular shot.

Final score 1-1.

ALBERT MERRILLS

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Junior results

UNDER 12

Wilhelmina 4, I.C.I. 4
Essendon 2, Sunshine C. 1
Aspendale H. O. J.U.S.T. 5
S.M.-Hellas 0, Olympia 6

UNDER 14 J. J. LISTON CUP
Semi Finals

Trident 2, Sunshine City 0
Essendon 2, Springvale 1

UNDER 14 SOUTH

Noble Park Tech. 0, Frankston 7

UNDER 16 MILLAR CUP
2nd Round Replay

Moorabbin C. 0, G. Cross 4

Shepparton carnival

More than 260 boys throughout Victoria will take part in the first State junior soccer carnival at Shepparton, on October 7 and 8 this year.

The Carnival will cater for four sections: Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, and Under 18. Special trophies will be awarded to each champion team.

Four grounds are expected to be used for the elimination rounds on Saturday with the final at the Show grounds on Sunday.

For further information contact A. Merrills 132, Ruskin St., Elwood Vic. Phone LF 1730.

Trial games

Time table of Trial Games for selection of Metropolitan Under 16 to play Central Gippsland in September.

Slavia Port Melbourne Ground Sunday July 16: 1 p.m. Brighton v Aspendale, 2 p.m. St. Kilda v Sokil, Nth. Sunshine v Dandenong.

Last Game, Saturday July 22 at St. Kilda Ground, Middle Park: 1 p.m. Hakoah v Sunshine City, 2 p.m. Ajax v Polonia.

Last Game: Box Hill v Ardeer.

Sunday July 23 at Port Melbourne Ground: 1 p.m. Olympia v George Cross, 2 p.m., Two selected teams.

Last Game: Moorabbin v Wilhelmina. Further notifications later.

Sunshine C. 1. Brighton 2

UNDER 18

Melbourne 2, Sunshine C. 2
H.A.S.K. 0, Hakoah 0 abandoned after 20 minutes
Croydon 7, Sandring'm C. 0
Ajax 3, Essendon 2
B. Hill H.S. 0, Box Hill 8
Sunshine H. 1. G. Cross 8

Junior tables

UNDER 12

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	12	3	0	44	6	27
Brook'n H.	12	2	1	64	9	26
Olympia	9	3	3	34	8	21
Sunshine C.	5	6	4	48	19	16
Essendon	6	3	6	25	33	15
S.M. Hellas	6	1	8	49	15	13
J.U.S.T.	4	4	7	14	45	12
Wilhelmina	5	2	8	13	33	12
I.C.I.	2	2	11	20	58	6
Aspendale	1	0	14	3	88	2

UNDER 18

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	14	3	2	77	20	31
Sunshine	13	3	3	99	17	29
G. Cross	12	4	2	70	17	28
Box Hill	12	3	3	63	22	27
Essendon	11	3	5	59	19	25
Melbourne	11	3	5	102	28	25
HASK	10	2	6	47	25	22
Trident	9	2	7	56	40	20
Hakoah	9	0	8	43	28	18
Croydon	5	0	14	40	88	10
Sandring'm	3	1	14	42	91	7
B. Hill H.S.	3	0	13	9	140	6
Sunshine H.	3	0	14	7	171	6

Final ladder in tech. soccer

SECTION 1

	W	L	D	B	P
Aspendale	8	2	—	—	16
Brighton	8	1	—	—	16
Dandenong	8	1	—	—	16
Oakleigh	5	5	—	—	10
Frankston	5	4	—	—	10
Noble Park	3	7	—	—	6
Sandring'm	1	8	—	—	6
Moorabbin	0	10	—	—	0

SECTION 2

	W	L	D	B	P
Swinburne	7	—	1	2	19
Caulfield	5	2	1	2	15
Box Hill	4	3	—	2	12
Jordanville	2	4	2	2	10
Burwood	—	7	—	2	4

SECTION 3

	W	L	D	B	P
Preston	5	—	3	—	13
Heidelberg	3	3	3	—	9
Coburg	1	2	5	—	7
Watsonia	1	4	3	—	5

SECTION 4

	W	L	D	B	P
Footscray	8	—	2	—	18
Prahran	7	1	1	—	15
Colling'd	4	3	1	—	9
Richmond	2	4	2	—	6
Sth Melb.	2	5	1	—	5
Br'swick	—	8	1	—	1

SECTION 5

	W	L	D	B	P
Sunshine	9	—	—	—	18
Williamst'n	6	2	1	—	13
Glenroy	2	4	3	—	7
Altona Nth	1	3	5	—	7
Tottenham	2	4	2	—	6
Essendon	—	7	1	—	1

LESSON FOR AUSTRALIA

WE read this item headed "A Lesson for Australia" in last week's "Soccer World". We enjoyed it so much that we reproduce it here.

On the island of Majorca in the Mediterranean sea lives Robert Graves.

The famous English poet, novelist and essayist settled down there many years ago, and rarely visits his native land.

During one of his infrequent trips to England, he found that life has changed there considerably in the last few years.

In a recently published article he writes very critically of many aspects of life in England today.

We thought that our readers may be interested in the final paragraphs of Robert Graves article, as they are concerned with a fundamentally important part of 20th century life.

Robert Graves writes:

But I am not so morose as I sound. This is simply how I see things, as a poet and a grumbling old soldier. And in one respect at least life in Britain has greatly improved: the standard of Soccer has risen out of all recognition.

Soccer is, with little exaggeration, Britain's greatest gift to the cause of international friendship.

As I told some Americans the other day, one of the secret reasons why, despite their benevolence and generosity, they are still regarded as outsiders is that they play the wrong kind of football.

When the day comes that, say, Philadelphia plays Manchester United or Moscow Dynamos or Real Madrid, America will have made home base.

ON THE BALL

By JIM COOK

IT'S A WORRY to any manager if his forwards aren't scoring goals but its an even bigger worry when they do not create the scoring opportunities.

Soccer is contradictory, for instance it has accepted that a sound player keeps his position and carries out all the orthodox moves, without delay and never sacrifices his team for personal triumphs.

Yet how many matches have been won by the individualist who occasionally takes a trip to the land of unorthodoxy.

Yes sir, the game would lose part of its make up and character without the individualist.

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In 1914 on Hull City football ground a unique match was played!

Each team consisted of 11 brothers—the Coverdales and the Charlesworth and the two fathers acted as linesmen.

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The man whom the Spaniards have nicknamed the "Atomic Gun" of soccer — Ferenec Puskas asserts that it's vital for a club trainer to be a young man.

Players who have just finished their professional careers see to the heart of present styles in the different teams, says Puskas.

Although many teams place an accent on youth it's interesting to note that Real Madrid signed coloured Brazilian star Didi when he was 32 years of age.

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Big money transfers don't guarantee success on the playing field but sometimes they make the turnstiles click a lot faster.

In 1950 Dundee Football Club paid £23,000 for the transfer if inside forward Billy Steel and it was reckoned by the soccer mathematicians that the transfer fee was wiped out in one season by increased gates.

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Trying to compare players of one decade with players of another is futile and nonsensical.

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What is the real definition of a Supporter?

According to the Soccer Dictionary you can take your pick:— "to bear weight of", endure, prevent from falling or sinking, hold up from below, sustain, maintain, keep vigorous, uphold, back, provide substinence, assist, further, promote, progress and finally the correct version, To Aid by One's Presence.

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Footballer of the Year Irishman and Spurs captain Danny Blanchflower has an unusual asset and attribute which earns him much admiration.

This is his downright refusal to place blame on any one who has a bad game. Danny captains Spurs and Ireland.

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A plea to parents . . .

• This article by Trevor Hilton is from "Soccer World" and as it contains a great deal of wisdom, we reprint it for you.

LEAVE IT TO THE COACH

One of the most encouraging signs on our soccer scene is the number of parents who regularly patrol the touchlines during junior matches.

Their support is good for both the players and the band of selfless enthusiastic men who give up their time to training, coaching and managing.

But there is a danger here —a danger stemming from the parents' own interest.

GREAT THING

Everything they can do from laundry to supplying refreshments and generally supporting the team is a great thing.

It is also understandable their eyes should be fixed on their own particular young hopeful.

But I think it is true to say a large percentage of these proud parents have no technical knowledge of the game.

It seems a human failing in most activities to become a self-considered expert after a short spell of time watching anything and particularly, in soccer, where one's own child is concerned.

Now the coaches and managers devote most of their spare time to teaching the kids not only how to play but how to improve as they gain experience.

BEST FORM

They are not interested in just one player—they are interested in the whole team and they devote their energies to producing the best soccer possible from the material at their command.

They also, not being blinded by parental love, have the ability to spot the potential of each player and where he is best suited on the field and the tactics he should try to develop.

Imagine, therefore, the coaches feeling when he sees one or two of his players completely ignoring the instructions he has given and playing a completely different style

And imagine the chagrin when the young 'start' is taken to task and gives the explanation, "But my Dad (or Mum) told me to play this way and not the way you told me."

GREAT JOB

Our coaches are doing a wonderful job in face of many difficulties.

Through the courses run by NSW Federation of Soccer coaches — a magnificent group of experts freely and willingly giving their time to the improvement of the game —these trainers and managers are improving their standards all the time.

Don't forget that many junior teams are run by active first grade players — and you can imagine how THEY feel when their instructions are countermanded by people who have never kicked a ball.

So please parents, maintain your enthusiasm and your willingness to help in every way — believe me, it is deeply appreciated.

But please, please leave the coaching to the man in charge.

Germany's grand old man of soccer

Still Germany's Director of Coaching and national team manager after many years is world famous Sepp Hepberger who at 64 is as sprightly as ever!

Respected everywhere, this so-called "dictator of soccer" belies that title and phrase by his appearance and quiet approach to the game he loves.

For over 30 years this small kindly man who lives in a village near Mannheim has been the undisputed boss of German Soccer and although the football association each year appoint a selection committee it has nothing to do except arrange the fixtures.

Born of humble parents, Sepp was on his way to realising an ambition to become a school teacher when the first war broke out and was called for duty.

On his return, he studied at University in Sports and even now is regarded as Germany's most brilliant student in Sport.

On the soccer field Sepp gained international honours against Holland, Finland and Italy and played at inside-right and centre.

He has been saying for years he will retire and has repeated this lately by announcing that after the 1962 World Cup finals he will finish but one can be certain that if he does German soccer will be the poorer as the result.

—Jim Cook.

Successful Santos tour of Europe

World famous Brazilian team Santos has been on tour of Europe playing matches against champion teams of European countries.

Against Belgium team Gand, they won 2-1, and they drew with the champions of Belgium, Standard of Liege, 4-4. They also drew with Antwerp 2-2.

In these matches their star Brazilian national player Pele did not play against Bayern of Monaco, and the Swiss team Basle.

Results of other European matches were: won against Bayern of Monaco 3-2, defeating Bellsoburg 6-3, defeated Bellsoburg 6-3, defeated Rasing of Paris 6-1, defeated Juventas of Italy 2-0, defeated Roma of Italy 5-0 and defeated Inter of Italy 4-1.

Playing against the champions of Europe, Portuguese team Benefica, Santos won 6-3.

Santos is a strong team with a tremendous goal scoring forward line. Among their many famous players are: Pele, inside-right Zita, outside-left Pepe, and outside-right Dorvalo. Both Pele and Zita played in the Brazilian team which won the World Cup 1958.

Towards the end of their European tour, Santos went to Greece to play against the three top teams, A.E.K., P.A.O., and Olympic in night matches.

Against A.E.K. at the main Soccer Stadium in Athens before 20,000 people, Santos won by 3-0. All three goals were breakaway goals scored in the first half.

Against P.A.O., the Champions of Greece, Santos scored three goals in the first half but P.A.O. fought back quickly to lose by only 3-2.

In the third match in Greece, Santos lost their first match to Olympic 2-1 before 25,000 people in the main Soccer Stadium at Athens.

The cost of tickets for the Santos v. A.E.K. game at Athens, was £1/13/6 for a seat—Russell Lea.

This is what Jack Cade had to say about the Victorian visit to Tasmania in the Hobart Mercury.

GIVE COACH HIS HEAD!

The recall of Jim Dolliver to the State side last Sunday reminded me that when he last played for Tasmania there were five Tasmanian-born players in the side.

They were international goalkeeper Harry Wise (Metro), wing-half Alan Hodge (South Hobart), and forwards T. Hill (North), and Jim Dolliver and Des Kenna of South Hobart. The match was against South China Athletic Association of Hong Kong on July 20, 1955.

Six years later almost to the day Jim was the ONLY Australian ON VIEW!

The whole pattern of soccer administration, standard, and outlook has been changing over the past few years.

Our top players today come from newcomers to the State, and they have produced an improved standard and an ambition that would have caused amusement six years ago.

Last Saturday we saw the Tasmanian side almost beat a good Victorian team that was helped by three interntionals — coach Alex Sarfalvy said it would have been in about the middle of a Hungarian First Division competition — and they should have done so after Worsey had upset their equilibrium with two fine goals to give us a 3-2 lead with 21 minutes to go.

The inability of the veteran Polish player Z. Maruszkiewicz—he is 34 — to hold Worsey in the mud was responsible for Tasmania's unexpected challenge.

On the Sunday he was replaced by the talented and much younger F. Micic, and the result was that goalkeeper H. Gronowski had only one shot to save.

Yes, there is no getting away from the fact that Tasmania was completely outplayed on the Sunday.

This was because of—

- Lack of teamwork and resultant inferior positional play.
- Two hard games in two days against a crack side.
- Inferior ball control.
- Need for greater speed.

Coach Sarfalvy had the team fit, but it had never played together, as a team, except against a depleted side in the final practice.

Sarfalvy had hoped to have the side together for three games, but apparently this could not be arranged, despite the fact the team was picked several weeks BEFORE is was announced.

Several years ago when the team to play the Hearts was announced early a number of the better players among those who had been passed over lost interest in the Tasmanian side and did not co-operate in the practice matches arranged.

The State Council wanted to make sure this did not happen again—but with the State team not getting one competitive game this time I don't know which was worse.

Interstate soccer is much more than a bun fight, and the sooner the State Council realises that the coach is THE man today, the sooner we will be chalking up wins, instead of being on the fringe of success.

Unless the coach can try out players in different combinations under match conditions he cannot really do much more than keep them fit and give them talks on tactics.

It is a case of theory being undermined by the absence of practical application.

Sarfalvy has done a great job with his hands tied. Untie them, and give him his head—send him to Melbourne to see their stars in action and let him build a State side—and soccer will progress.

Keep the present approach—half a dozen directors out-talking and outvoting the managing director of the State squad—and we will be scratching for games.

Jim McDowell would have my vote for Tasmania's best. Some of his saves were little short of miraculous, and it was most unfortunate that he had two lapses late in the second game. This, however, was understandable as he had been submitted to terrific pressure for 163 minutes.

What I liked most about the Victorians was the manner in which the forward line advanced to shooting position with the wing-half, winger, and inside forward all taking part at speed.

And what a lovely centre-forward the diminutive M. Jurecki is. He is also an expert corner kicker, and found the tall D. Hodgson almost every time on the narrow South Hobart ground.

WORTH THREE GOALS

Which reminds me — something must be done about the centre mud patch if soccer headquarters are to remain at South Hobart.

One T.S.A. executive said it was worth three goals to

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Referee's report

IN the issue of Soccer News July 22, a letter was published from Mr. O'Brien of Auburn.

He made reference to two points, "Does the Disciplinary Committee have separate laws for State League and other Leagues". To this we make no comment!

This Association is not concerned with the outcome of any decision given by the Disciplinary Committee because, we feel a referee's duty is completed the moment he forwards his official report to the V.A.S.F.A.

However, we are concerned with Mr. O'Brien's second remark in which he has doubts as to whether a report was made regarding certain incidents which took place after the abandoned Melbourne-J.U.S.T. game.

We assure you that the player concerned was definitely reported, and reported for the incident you alleged to have witnessd.

Unfortunately the referee was manhandled from behind, therefore unable to positively identify his attacker.

If sir, you were more fully conversant with all the details you could have asked a third question, "Why the linesman was not asked to attend, to substantiate the referee report, and a letter from a club official not produced before the Disciplinary Committee.

At a recent Executive Meeting of the V.R.A. it was decided to issue the following direction to all members. "Referees shall not attend any further Disciplinary Meeting until such time they receive permission from the Executive.

I'm sure everyone will agree that the first duty of any Executive is the welfare and protection of its members. We do not feel obliged to allow referees to be subjected to cross examination and unfair abuse by individual club officials and players.

The centre-forward passes the ball out to his right-winger, at the moment the ball was last played the winger was standing level with the opposing back, and had only one other defending player between him and his opponent's goal-line, i.e. the goalkeeper.

Would you give the winger off-side?

Yes, because the law says, There must be two opponents between him and the goal-line at the moment the ball is played.

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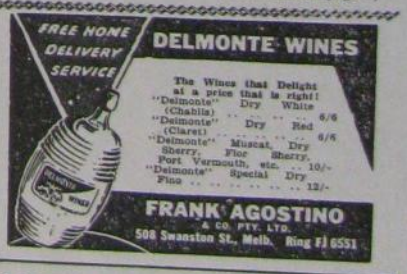

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EUROPEAN ZONE

Group 1.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Sweden	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Switzerland	3	2	0	1	6	7	4
Belgium	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

Group 2.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
France	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Finland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Group 3.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
W. Germany	3	3	0	0	9	4	6
Greece	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Nth Ireland	3	0	0	3	5	8	0

Group 4.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Hungary	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
E. Germany	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Holland	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

Group 5.
Norway 0, Turkey 1; Russia has yet to play.

Group 6.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
England	2	1	1	0	10	1	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	7	1	3
Luxemburg	2	0	0	2	0	15	0

Group 7.
Italy will play Israel at a later date.

Group 8.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Scotland	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Czechoslov.	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Ireland	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Group 9.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Spain	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Winners of the African Group will play in this competition.

Group 10.
Jugoslavia b Polonia 2-1.

ASIAN ZONE

	p	w	d	l	F	A	P
Sth Korea	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Japan	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

SOUTH AMERICAN ZONE

1st Group — Argentina through to finals

2nd Group—Uruguay will meet Bolivia

Group 3.	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Columbia	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Peru	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Columbia have won through to finals.

Group 4. p w d l f a p
Paraguay meet winners of the final pool of the Central and North American zone.

AFRICAN ZONE

	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Morocco	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Ghana	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Morocco will play in group IX.

CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICAN ZONE

	p	w	d	l	F	A	P
Mexico	4	2	1	1	11	2	5
Costarica	4	2	0	2	8	6	4
Antilles	4	1	1	2	2	13	3

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ENGLAND

At the recent A.G.M. of the English League Press Reporters were barred and had to wait for over an hour to get a carefully worded statement from the secretary Mr. Alan Hardaker.

The important item on the agenda as far as the press and public were concerned was the clarification of the agreement between the players and the League.

A later press heading called the League "The Frightened Men of Football" and said they were afraid to give the players an automatic right to a transfer when they ask for it.

Everton paid over £60,000 for Alex Young and George Thomson of Heart of Midlothian prior to the start of last season still showed a profit of over £25,000 on the year's workings.

The Merseysiders are one of the best supported teams in the English first division.

SCOTLAND

Another Scottish star to hit the big money trail across the border is 23-year-old centre half Ronnie Yeats of Dundee United who has joined Liverpool at a fee in the region of £30,000.

Yeats who stands six feet plus has been with United nearly three years and was picked up from an Aberdeen Junior club for a £100.

The Scottish Football Association is reported to be interested in purchasing the famous Hampden Stadium.

Hampden which has a capacity of 150,000 is owned by the famous Amateur Club Queens Park who unfortunately for the present are having a prolonged spell in the Second Division.

It's most unlikely that the Queen's officials would even entertain an offer.

Tommy Younger former Hibernian and Scotland keeper is now permanently settled in Canada and has a managerial soccer post in Toronto.

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SPAIN

The financial genius behind Real Madrid or at least the man who has signed all the stars on behalf of Real is 35 year old Don Saporta.

Don who joined the club in 1952 was originally an organiser for the Spanish Basketball Association.

IRELAND

It is believed that Burnley's Irish inside-forward, Jimmy McIlroy, will be receiving a pay packet second only to Johnny Haynes, of Fulham, who since the maximum wage restriction has been lifted is reputed to be on £100 per week for the new British soccer season ahead.

When left-back Willie Cunningham flew from London to Athens to join up with the Irish international team he had Diana Dors as companion but only because she was occupying the next seat.

His team mates on arrival at Athens called it the "Luck of the Irish" and wondered whether they talked of curves or corn-Flash" behind it!

ENGLAND

Star cricketer these days for the English Counties side Worcester is 25 year old Jim Standen.

Jim's talents are not confined to cricket as he had a spell as Arsenals keeper and is now the man between the sticks for Luton Town.

Much capped Tom Finney the former Preston and England winger who was recently player manager of the English XI team which toured New Zealand and the far east recently was awarded the O.B.E. for his services to soccer.

Finney retired from League Football at the end of season 1959-60 and this was reflected in no small measure when Preston were relegated at the end of last season.

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EUROPE

By using club form as a yardstick the 1961-62 European Competition should be a "rounder".

Qualifiers are Real Madrid, Beneficia (last season's winners), Standard Liege, Forvette, Feyenvoords, Odense, Sparta, Austrian F.C., Linfield, Rangers, Monaco, Swansea, Juventus, Spurs and the reps. of Hungary and Sweden.

ITALY

The recent importation of four highly priced British soccer stars has provoked considerable criticism in Italy!

The subject has even been discussed in the Italian Parliament and one member asked the Minister for Tourism whether "in connection with the folly which appears to have overtaken some teams who enlist foreign players at hundreds of million lire, should not the regulation be examined in order to curb or eliminate the senseless and mortifying market of human beings.

Newspaper critics in Italy have heralded the headlines as "The Undignified Scramble", "Spectacle Players" and "The Circus Touch".

By importing these players the newspapers say the industrialists are discouraging home-bred players and this they say is reflected in Italy's poor international record.

Perhaps we may yet see the day when a formerly rich industrialist appears in the Bankruptcy Court and states that his assets are a couple of star soccer players!

Latest prices quoted in Italian newspapers yesterday for British Stars: Bobby Charlton £80,000; Joe Baker £75,000; Peter Brabook, Bobby Smith, Cliff Jones, Phil Woosnam, and Jimmy McIlroy £60,000; Ray Pointer £50,000; Laurie Brown and George Eastham £45,000; Jimmy Bloomfield £40,000.

A famous forward, Enrique Omar Sivori, who cost Juventus of Turin over £100,000, is one of the 'tough' players of Europe.

He has again been suspended this season although after his previous 'mistakes' he had promised to mend his ways.

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SPAIN

In one season with Real Madrid world famous outside left Francisco Gento made over £5,000 in bonuses alone.

BIG CLASH IN SOUTH

The match of the day in 1st Division South is Brighton v. Dandenong with second place on the league ladder at stake. This could be a sizzler.

Brighton with Evans, Sullivan, Scott and Oldfield all playing well, wil find the Dandenong team a hard nut to crack, however I tip Brighton after a good hard game.

Austria away to Geelong will have to extend themselves fully to take full points. Austria are a mystery team, they seem to be a better side than their position on the ladder indicates, however Austria appear too strong and should win.

South Yarra entertain Sandringham, with relegation almost certain for Yarra and the dark shadow still hovering above Sandringham, this record of Sandringham is better and with Joe Lachmann back in their side, I tip Sandringham.

Unless Preston lose their way or get hi-jacked on the road, their clash with Yallourn should be full points to Preston, whilst Yallourn will make Preston fight all the way, Preston are classy side and should win.

Frankston at home to Ferntree Gully must win this, to have any hope of staying up. However with the Gully playing the way they are, I must go for Ferntree Gully.

Likely winners: Brighton, Austria, Sandringham, Preston, Ferntree Gully.

Makedonia and Oakleigh have won promotion to 1st Div. Sth., these two sides although playing different styles of soccer will certainly be an aquisition to the higher league, congratulations to both clubs.

Meanwhile at the other end of proceedings, F.N.D., Rosebud and Essendon are battling to avoid relegation. This weeks matches could have a big bearing on the final outcome.

F.N.D. are at home to Bayswater, the latter have caused a few surprise results this season and look strong enough to take full points here.

Essendon entertain Park Rangers, this is a must for the young Don's players like Wills, Rintick and Logue must keep going for the full 90 minutes, however the Rangers side looks more impressive and are my selection.

Leaders Makedonia play robust Prahran and this could develop into a hard rugged game, Makedonia cannot afford to take the white-shirts to lightly but should win.

Rosebud contend with Oakleigh away from the sea-side on performance, it's hard to see any hope of a surprise here, however with new players like, Vallance, Hill and Oliver Rosebud are sure to make Oakleigh fight every inch of the way, on form it looks like Oakleigh.

Moorabbin and Trident are 3rd and 4th respectively but only 2 points separates them, this could be a real thriller and a draw is my selection.

Likely winners: Bayswater, Park Rangers, Makedonia, Oakleigh — JOHN SLADE.

SOCCER MAN'S DIARY 27

By DON SUTHERLAND

WHILE Preston-Croatia are certain to win the 1st Division South Championship, and the State League berth which goes with it, the position in 1st Division North is wide open with three clubs desperately striving to win promotion. At time of writing Croatia are one point ahead of Lions who have a similar margin over Fiorentina.

Croatia were reputed to have paid out a very large sum in transfer fees to obtain players like Basic from J.U.S.T., and Ghulin from Juventus in a bid to gain State League status. Lions are, in my opinion, their most dangerous rivals and it would be no surprise if the championship were to be decided on goal averages.

Both these leading clubs have very sound financial backing and would make worthy State League contestants.

One of these teams, Sunshine Utd. has gone out of existence, four are in 1st Division, two in 2nd Division, while only Hakoah, Moreland and Box Hill still have State League status.

As a matter of interest, Juventus and George Cross finished season 1950 half-way down the 2nd Division while Polonia, Wilhelmina, Slavia, J.U.S.T., Melbourne and Richmond had not commenced to play in the leagues at that time!

CONGRATULATIONS are due for the Alexander the Great Soccer Club for having won their way into the 5th Round of the Dockerty Cup where they will play George Cross.

While it seems most unlikely that a 2nd Division side could upset the formidable George Cross XI the Greek club will be flat out to prove that their success to date has been no fluke.

Alexander appear to be fairly sure of promotion to 1st Division next season, where they should again do well.

DR. CHARLES WALKER

AFTER winning the State League championship last year Polonia went on to win the State League Cup. In the dressing-rooms, after the presentation of the cup, it was filled with champagne and passed around amongst the players.

Polonia's clever inside-right **J. Dudon** is now taking wagers (top secret, of course!) that they will repeat the show this year. On present form there will be few takers!

Inside-left **W. Gamaj**, who made a vital goal against Hellas recently, remained after the game to jokingly tell his fans that all the goals which decided the championship for Polonia last year were "made by Gamaj"—in actual fact, there would be a considerable amount of truth in this, since Gamaj is one of the most constructive players in the team. To have this reputation in the star-studded Polonia line-up is no mean feat!

The secret of Polonia's success, which many teams have yet to learn, is the brilliant teamwork which they have achieved, and which every player places before individual glory. Considerable credit for Polonia's success is due to their tireless president, **Dr. Charles Walker.**

THE changing scene of Victorian Soccer — I was glancing through an old "Soccer News" dated September 16th 1950, when the premier league (then known as 1st Division) was made up as follows:

SUNSHINE UTD.	30 points
SANDRINGHAM CITY	21 points
BOX HILL	19 points
BRIGHTON	19 points
SOUTH YARRA	18 points
PRAHRAN	18 points
FOOTSCRAY CITY	17 points
PARK RANGERS	15 points
HAKOAH	14 points
MORELAND	5 points

WHAT a surprise it was for everyone at Sth. Melb.-Hellas on Monday July 24 when **Basil Kourkoulakos** turned up for training after two months in Greece. Incidentally, Kourkoulakos went to Greece without his club's approval because they didn't expect him to return!

He was flown to Greece and guaranteed a return air fare by his old club there, to help them in some vital league games. In his first game, against Polonia, Kourkoulakos was a bit uncertain but officials recall his first game last year at Corio where he slipped and slid all over the ground and did not look at all impressive.

However, he soon settled down to give outstanding displays of centre-half play, and it confidently anticipated that he will be doing so again in the very near future.

NEW coach, **Manny Poulakakis**, really took Hellas by storm in his first week, refusing to have any interference and clearly demonstrating that he meant business.

He had ordered training five nights a week in his second week and the club committee was so impressed that it has officially given him full authority to train, discipline and select the teams.

SOME weeks ago I wrote that star Wilhelmina forward, **Leo Beerendonk**, was reported to be making plans to return to Holland.

Wilhelmina promptly and emphatically denied the report but recent events indicate that my informant was not as far astray as they claimed him to be!

SUNSHINE City are living up to their great Dockerty Cup—fighting reputation by once again winning their way into the 5th Round.

Ex-Slavia player **Ian Petherick** has been a tower of strength to his club this season and has contributed greatly to their success this season.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: All senior clubs are vitally in need of coaches and managers for junior teams.

If you have some knowledge of soccer why not contact the club in your vicinity—you'll get a great deal of satisfaction out of helping the youngsters and you will be making a valuable contribution to your favourite sport.

Soccer News team

SOCCER NEWS presents to its readers a new popularity contest, based on a popular contest of a similar nature on the Continent.

It asks you to name the IDEAL Victorian XI.

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The Editors will scrutinize the coupons and publish YOUR IDEAL TEAM on September 2.

The competition will be open for four weeks, so go to it boys. More than one entry is allowed.

1. Goal-keeper .....
2. Right-back .....
3. Left-back .....
4. Right-half .....
5. Centre-half .....
6. Left-half .....
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PASS IT ON! says Jim Cook

FREQUENTLY in Soccer and other sporting activities we hear sayings and read quotes by men who have made their mark in the game. All too often these are disregarded if even read but I commend you to hear these viewpoints:—

1. By Jack Quisklay famous Scottish Soccer & Athletics trainer.

"The greatest evil in sport today is just plain lack of discipline, particularly of the self imposed kind, affecting condition. Technique standards, positional play in matches, setting aside personal convenience."

2. By Tom Finney former Preston North End and England International. Referring to England's chances of getting over the Qualifying hurdle for the 1962 World Cup Finney said:—

"If England make it, it may well serve as an incentive to our club sides to emulate the refreshingly new international policy of giving men an extended run in their teams and concentrating on the type of play we perform best."

3. Tony Macedo the Gibraltar born Fulham goalkeeper. "Goalkeepers should be all round athletes. Every muscle in the body is used, and must quickly and smoothly to prevent goals."

4. By Jimmy Milne Former Hearts centre half now with Falkirk: "When asked could he suggest any improvements in the rules his reply was:—I would make it a rule that there be no charging of the goalkeeper in the six yard box. I would restrict the rule to that area, as outside the six yard line some keepers are inclined to waste time with the ball.

"I'm quite happy with the offside rule as it is. It takes skill to play it and skill to beat it."

5. By Walter Winterbottom the famous coach and England team manager. "Talks and training are all-right but the only way a team will weld is for it to be kept together as a playing unit. Chopping and changing for the games will never bring a team with understanding, no matter how much preparation there is.

6. By George Raynor the famous coach and manager of Sweden's team. "A full back must never regard himself purely as a "defender". That implies only destructive play. There are occasions when he can dominate the play. If possession of the ball is obtained, the back should try to start an attack, or at least have a purpose with his clearance."

7. By John Gordon one of Scotland's most promising young Referees: — "When asked if he thought a universal language would make a great difference to international matches he replied: "A universal adaptation of the rules would be the answer."

8. Bill Nicholson former Spurs player and now their manager: "You must succeed on good football. The player and the manager must be one team, critical trusting and encouraging".

Give coach his head

(Continued from page 3)

us. But it is just no good for interstate players used to near perfect conditions at their own enclosed grounds.

And no comment on the visit would be complete without mention of the splendid showing of referee Fred Ward from South Australia.

The way he was always up with play and used the linesmen only when he needed them was an eye-opener. His handling of incidents that could have developed was masterly, and the Victorians set an example of playing to his whistle and abiding by his decisions.

It is hoped all our referees were there to see him in action.

NSW HAS 3-2 WIN

Brisbane, July 30. — New South Wales gave a classy display of soccer today to beat Queensland 3-2 at the Exhibition ground.

The visitors delighted the 8000 crowd with their finesse, and their ability to make the ball do most of the work.

Play by former Austrian inside-forward Leo Baumgartner and former Blackpool (England) half-back Jim Kelly of N.S.W. was brilliant.

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Stick to sport sir!

SIRS — Why doesn't Mr. Zika Nikolic stick to sport when commenting on soccer? In querying Mr. A. Barr who mentioned "three times that only Serbs play for J.U.S.T."

My opinion, re the incident where Mr. Barr said that only Serbs play for J.U.S.T., is that Mr. Barr was given the above mentioned information, and I don't think it was necessary for Mr. Zika Nikolic to write the letter he did. By doing this, he is the one who is bringing politics into soccer.

The Committe of J.U.S.T. looks like a wolf in sheep's clothing, because the two brothers Basic played for Croatia in the "Craven A." Cup, and they were told by J.U.S.T. never to dress in J.U.S.T. colours again.

But I put it to you Sir, is it not true that this is in fact due to your club J.U.S.T. which you claim has no politics only Soccer in mind and heart.

In my opinion and many others, your club has on more than one occasion let your political opinion enter into things which should only be of interest to the promotion of Soccer in our State.

For instance your club tried to stop two of its players from playing for the Nation of their birth, which is being represented in the Craven A world cup competition.

In all fairness, does this sound like a club interested only in Soccer, or as is my opinion, politics.

Also remember Australia is a free country where all are entitled to their opinion, Croats, Slovenions, all are free here to call themselves as such, after all Croatia was independent for centuries.

But please, let us keep it out of sport.

—Yours, Zvonimir Kunek
45 Middlesex Rd.,
Surrey Hills

—Yours—P. Mathieson
(Geelong)

SECRETARY MOVES

SIRS — I wish to advise that as from next Thursday my address will be: Caretakers Cottage, No. 1 Oval, Yallourn.

I have cancelled my present phone number (Moe 912) but I have applied for one at my new address and will advise when it has been installed.

The only snag with this move is that I won't be able to attend the Melbourne games with our boys.

—Yours, J. H. Blunt,
(Secretary Yallourn
S.C.) 19 Truscott Rd.,
Moe, Victoria.

NO OTHER GAME

SIRS — I would like to bring to mind the comments of one Z. Nickolic. Soccer News July 15.

I am an Australian converted to Soccer in 1950 and for me now there is no other game, I am also well aware of the Political indifferences which exist.

SUPERB LETTER

SIRS—What a superb letter in this week's Soccer News July 29 by Mr. J. Van Hoboken. What a great and far seeing man he is for Soccer, as every detail is authentic.

About 1926 of '27 some mills were built and started in Geelong, British migrants came and started a soccer league in Geelong in a few years time it faded out.

—Yours, John W. Gill,
22 Gray St., East
Geelong.

WORLD CUP

SIRS—In your issue of Saturday, July 15, it was stated that "Soccer News" wishes to apologise to all people concerned for statements which appeared in the Don Sutherland column re Sunday International Competition. Then followed a version of the workings of the local World Cup competitions.

I would like it known that this apology was stated without my knowledge and consent, and I deplore the editorial action which accepts copy for publication and then virtually condemns publicly its own correspondent.

The situation was made even more ludicrous since the comments which followed the apology did not directly conflict with anything stated in my column. Could it be that the apology was made because I had dared to question why the considerable proceeds of the competitions should go to only certain "sponsoring" clubs and not to the progress of clubs as a whole?

However, certain interesting points arise in the reply to my column. I originally stated that "The Sunday International Committee appears to function almost as a Council sub-committee and it would appear to be reasonable that it should be subject to election procedures, whereas in fact it is a self governing body".

The 'official reply' virtually confirmed this statement by stating that "the competition is in effect under the control of the V.A.S.F.A. which constitutionally appoints the Chairman of the S.I.S.C.". It then went on to say that "the Executive is elected by the delegates of all participating countries at the annual meeting" but omitted to point out that all clubs are not invited to this "annual meeting".

Perhaps at future annual meetings of the S.I.S.C. all clubs will be invited to send a delegate and thus make it an election fair to all clubs affiliated with the V.A.S.F.A.

The 'official reply' stated that every year teams apply for co-sponsorship of existing national teams (although it did not say how many such arrangements had been approved!) I would therefore suggest to every club in both the State and Metropolitan Leagues that they apply for co-sponsorship of whatever national team that is predominant among their members. In this way we may get a fair annual meeting and a fair division of the proceeds!

The "official reply" further said that "there is nothing wrong for teams who pioneered this successful venture to retain the original sponsorship if they can provide class and players". I shudder to think what the competitions would be like if some sponsoring teams were required to field a full national team from their own members!

In conclusion, I would like to say most emphatically that I believe that the competition is a vital part of our present competitions, it has been capably administered and there is no doubting its popularity with the paying public. However, we have now got beyond the stage of playing this competition on open parklands and it is time that the management of the competition became a full Council and Association responsibility, with a public accounting for the proceeds.

—Yours, Don Sutherland,
15 Alice Street,
Cheltenham.

Speak up - but be Brief

SPEAK UP by all means but please be brief.

Your Editors are receiving many letters every week and because of their length it is not possible to publish them in full.

Much of the valuable comment is therefore missing from these letters which "Soccer News" readers take so much time to compile.

We ask you to be fair to us and yourselves by writing BRIEF letters whenever possible.

Also please write on ONE side of the paper and NOT both sides.

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ADD TWO MORE?

SIRS—Since my arriving in Australia, four years ago, I would say the standard of Victorian Soccer has improved a great deal.

I think that the standard of soccer would be even higher if the number of the State League clubs would be increased by two teams, that is the two teams winning the First Division Championships being promoted to the State League and the two "wooden spooners" staying "in" this year and thus having 14 clubs.

The following year the same method of promotion and relegation should be used as before.

I would like to congratulate you on a very fine S.N."

The only thing missing is "How the experts see the game", which I think was very good last year.

—Yours—E. Bihary,
Windsor.

ENCOURAGEMENT

SIRS—On behalf of my Club I would like to thank you for your front-page article in which you congratulated our boys on their first State League win.

It surely will give our young team encouragement and strengthen our hopes of avoiding relegation.

—Yours, Secretary
(Richmond S.C.

CONGRATULATIONS

SIRS—I would like to congratulate you on your paper. I get my copy of Soccer News every week and enjoy reading it very much.

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YOUR GAMES

LAST SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE

Moreland 1, Melbourne 1
S.M.-Hellas 1, Hakoah 1
Slavia 1, Polonia 5
Juventus 3, Wilhelmina 2
Box Hill 0, George Cross 2
Richmond 0, J.U.S.T. 3.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Moreland 2, Melbourne 2
S.M.-Hellas 4, Hakoah 2
Slavia 0, Polonia 7
Juventus 2, Wilhelmina 3
Box Hill 3, George Cross 2
Richmond 4, J.U.S.T. 3

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Corio 2, Sunshine City 3
Maccabi 1, Lions 3
M. Ponds 3, Collingwood 3
Croatia 6, Coburg 1
Footscray 0, Florentina 5

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Austria 1, South Yarra 1
Dandenong 2, Geelong 3
Preston 3, Frankston 2
Sandringham 2, Yallourn 4
F. Gully 4, Brighton 1.

SECOND DIV. NORTH

Alexander 12, Seymour 0
Sicilia 4, St. Albans 2
I.C.I. 1, Heidelberg 3
N. Olympia 3, Fairfield 2
Williamstown 1, Univers. 0

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

P. Rangers 4, Makedonia 2
Bayswater 4, Essendon 0
Rosebud 0, Moorabbin 2
Prahran 1, Oakleigh 4
Trident 3, F.N.D. 2

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Coburg 2, Footscray 4
Moorabbin 1, Prahran 1
Florentina w.o., Maccabi l.p.
Lions 6, Park Rangers 0
Sunshine City 2, M. Ponds 0

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Austria 2, South Yarra 2
Dandenong 2, Geelong 0
Preston 5, Frankston 1
Sandringham 5, Yallourn 1
F. Gully 5, Brighton 2

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Kensington 3, Bendigo 2
Florina 6, Springvale 1
Ringwood 4, Triestina 0
Commonwealth Bank 0, W.W.F. 3
Libertas 3, Ballarat 6

THIS SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE

J.U.S.T. v Moreland
Melbourne v S.M.-Hellas
Hakoah v Slavia
Polonia v Juventus
Wilhelmina v George Cross
Richmond v Box Hill

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

J.U.S.T. v Moreland
Melbourne v S.M.-Hellas
Hakoah v Slavia
Polonia v Juventus
Wilhelmina v George Cross
Richmond v Box Hill

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Florentina v Maccabi
Lions v Corio
Sunshine City v Croatia
Coburg v Moonee Ponds
Collingwood v Footscray

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Brighton v Dandenong
Geelong v Austria
South Yarra v Sandringham
Yallourn v Preston
Frankston v Ferntree Gully

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

University v Sicilia
St. Albans v Alexander
Seymour v Norlane Olympia
Fairfield v I.C.I.
Heidelberg v Williamstown

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

F. N. D. v Bayswater
Essendon v Park Rangers
Makedonia v Prahran
Oakleigh v Rosebud
Moorabbin v Trident

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Moonee Ponds v Moorabbin
Prahran v Coburg
Footscray v Lions
Park Rangers v Florentina
Maccabi v Sunshine City

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Brighton v Dandenong
Geelong v Austria
South Yarra v Sandringham
Yallourn v Preston
Frankston v Ferntree Gully

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ballarat v Florina
Springvale v Kensington
Bendigo v Com'wealth Bank
W.W.F. v Ringwood
Triestina v Libertas

Dockerty Cup

FIFTH ROUND

(To be played on Saturday September 2)

Melbourne v S.M.-Hellas
George Cross v Alexander
Juventus v Richmond
Footscray or Florentina v Polonia
Box Hill v Wilhelmina
Preston-Croatia v Slavia
J.U.S.T. v Sunshine City
Moreland v Hakoah

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP—FOURTH ROUND

S.M.-Hellas v Melbourne
Box Hill v J.U.S.T.
Moreland v Hakoah
Polonia v Slavia
George Cross v Richmond
Ferntree Gully v Juventus
Wilhelmina v M. Ponds
Footscray v Lions

NOTE: Gate takings for Fifth Round Dockerty Cup matches to be shared equally by Clubs after home team has deducted Ground expenses not exceeding £40.

HOTEL LEAGUE

Last round in the Inter-Hotel Soccer Championship resulted: Scott's 3, Molinas 1; Pellegrini 4, Fiorentino 2.

The complete ladder is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Molinas	10	7	1	2	21	11	15
Pellegrini	10	7	—	3	23	17	14
Scott's	10	6	1	3	26	15	13
Fiorent.	10	5	1	4	20	19	11
Maxims	10	2	1	6	11	15	7

Marios forfeited all games during the season as they withdrew.

Semi-finals will be played on August 20 at the Royal Park and Finals a week later.

GEO. CROSS BALL

George Cross Supporters' Association will celebrate Malta National Day with a Ball at Coburg Town Hall, on Friday, September 8. Tickets from Secretary Supporters' Association, Box 4040, Melbourne.

Northern League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	17	14	2	1	43	9	30
Cobram	17	13	2	2	62	19	28
City	17	13	1	3	61	17	27
East	17	11	2	4	31	19	24
Lemnos	17	9	3	5	35	15	21
Echuca	17	6	4	7	25	41	16
Tatura	17	6	2	9	28	57	14
G'bower	17	5	5	9	23	12	13
T'berry	17	4	3	10	22	34	11
Barmah	17	3	2	12	16	44	8
Cohuna	17	2	3	12	18	58	7
Tongala	17	1	3	13	15	53	5

NOTES: East's draw with LEMNOS has put them out of the running for the Premiership, it has now developed into a three-way battle between ROMA, COBRAM and CITY. The League's oldest member, TONGALA, dropped to bottom place when beaten 8-1 by CITY. ECHUCA have entered under-15 and under-18 sides in the October Carnival at Shepparton.

Olympic Park games

Saturday August 12: Melbourne v S.M.-Hellas, 2.45 p.m.
Sunday August 13: Croatia v Germany, 1.15 p.m. Scotland v Greece or Malta, 3 p.m.
Saturday August 19: George Cross v Polonia, 2.45 p.m.
Sunday August 20: Under 14 J. J. Liston Cup Final, 1 p.m., S.I.S.F. First Semi-Final, 2.45 p.m.
Saturday August 26: Richmond v S.M.-Hellas, 2.45 p.m.
Sunday August 27: Hakoah v George Cross, 2.45 p.m.
NOTE: State League Reserve teams do NOT play Curtain Raisers at Olympic Park.

1 more WA division?

W.A. Soccer Federation officials are pleased with the gate takings and attendances at federation matches for the first half of the season which ended on Saturday and are considering the formation of a second division next season.

Federation secretary Ralph Booth said this following a meeting of the board of control — "West Australia"

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
George Cross	18	12	4	2	36	11	28
Polonia	18	13	2	3	46	17	28
Wilhelmina	19	12	3	4	47	26	27
Hakoah	19	10	3	6	47	37	23
S.M.-Hellas	19	9	4	6	38	29	22
J.U.S.T.	19	9	1	9	37	30	19
Juventus	19	7	5	7	30	33	19
Slavia	18	7	4	7	29	37	18
Melbourne	19	6	4	9	25	34	16
Moreland	18	3	3	12	25	50	9
Box Hill	19	3	2	14	17	42	8
Richmond	19	1	5	13	17	48	7

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
George Cross	17	13	3	1	56	16	29
Wilhelmina	19	12	3	4	51	31	27
Hakoah	19	11	2	6	43	28	24
Box Hill	19	9	5	5	37	31	23
Juventus	19	8	6	5	42	39	22
Melbourne	19	8	4	7	44	41	20
Polonia	18	7	4	7	36	32	18
Slavia	19	8	2	9	27	41	18
Richmond	19	5	2	12	36	55	12
J.U.S.T.	17	5	1	11	32	47	11
S.M.-Hellas	19	4	3	12	33	51	11
Moreland	18	1	5	12	24	49	7

FIRST NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Croatia	15	12	1	2	60	17	25
Lions	15	12	0	3	47	14	24
Fiorentina	15	10	3	2	34	10	23
Sunshine City	15	9	3	3	40	22	21
Footscray	15	5	4	6	35	34	14
Corio	15	7	0	8	28	39	14
Moonee Ponds	15	4	4	7	23	30	12
Maccabi	15	3	2	10	21	58	8
Collingwood	15	2	2	11	20	37	6
Coburg	15	1	1	13	11	58	3

FIRST SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Preston	15	14	1	0	52	15	29
Brighton	15	10	0	5	44	24	20
Dandenong	15	9	1	5	44	23	19
Austria	15	9	1	5	45	27	19
Ferntree Gully	15	9	0	6	33	24	18
Yallourn	15	5	1	9	28	37	11
Geelong	15	4	3	8	26	37	11
Sandringham	15	4	2	9	19	38	10
Frankston	15	3	3	9	27	63	9
South Yarra	15	1	2	12	20	50	4

SECOND NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Alexander	15	13	1	1	79	14	27
University	15	12	1	2	41	8	25
Sicilia	15	11	2	2	51	19	24
Williamstown	15	9	2	4	43	24	20
Norlane-Olympia	15	8	3	4	39	22	19
Fairfield	15	5	1	9	46	38	11
Heidelberg	15	3	3	9	16	38	9
St. Albans	15	3	2	10	21	52	8
Seymour	15	2	1	12	22	88	5
I.C.I.	15	0	2	13	20	65	2

SECOND SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Makedonia	15	11	2	2	36	19	24
Oakleigh	15	10	3	2	44	22	23
Moorabbin	15	7	2	6	46	31	16
Park Rangers	15	6	4	5	40	37	16
Bayswater	15	6	3	6	39	28	15
Prahran	15	6	2	7	39	34	14
Trident	15	6	2	7	25	36	14
F.N.D.	15	4	2	9	27	37	10
Rosebud	15	5	0	10	24	42	10
Essendon	15	3	2	10	18	52	8

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Lions	15	13	1	1	74	15	27
Footscray	15	10	3	2	55	14	23
Sunshine City	15	8	3	4	47	21	19
Prahran	15	8	3	4	48	32	19
Fiorintina	15	7	1	7	24	41	15
Park Rangers	15	5	3	7	32	41	13
Moonee Ponds	15	5	2	8	27	30	12
Maccabi	15	4	0	11	23	50	8
Coburg	15	3	1	11	21	61	7
Moorabbin	15	3	1	11	21	67	7

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Austria	15	10	3	2	56	21	23
Dandenong	15	9	3	3	39	19	21
Brighton	15	8	4	3	37	28	20
Preston	15	7	4	4	24	15	18
Sandringham	15	7	3	5	35	21	17
Ferntree Gully	15	6	3	6	35	40	15
Yallourn	15	6	0	9	25	34	12
Frankston	15	3	4	8	29	49	10
Geelong	15	4	0	11	23	46	8
South Yarra	15	1	4	10	18	48	6

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	A	P
Libertas	15	12	1	2	60	20	25
Florina	15	11	2	2	57	23	24
Ballarat	15	10	1	4	72	21	21
Ringwood	15	8	5	2	60	24	21
Kensington	15	7	1	7	35	30	15
Triestina	15	7	0	8	29	26	14
Bendigo	15	5	2	8	58	47	12
W.W.F.	15	5	2	8	23	51	12
Springvale	15	3	0	12	20	56	6
C'wealth Banks	15	0	0	15	5	121	0

Mr. Draper is new SASFA chairman

The announcement regarding the acceptance by Mr. Frank Draper of the position of Chairman of the S.A.S.F.A., which had been rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. R. Telfer, has been welcomed by every follower of the round ball game.

It can be said without fear of contradiction that the news will also be welcomed by interstate bodies and by the Australian Association.

Mr. Draper's activities in soccer, extending as they do over a lifetime, have made him particularly well known and liked not only in South Australia but in all other States as well.

For a long time South Australian representative on the Australian Soccer Football Association, Mr. Draper relinquished that position this year in order to dedicate greater part of his activities to the Junior Council in which he is keenly interested.

He has already proved his worth as a top rank soccer administrator, having been Association chairman from 1947 to 1950, three difficult and formative years, when it can be said that the Association grew out of its embryonal stage and began its growth towards the strong and healthy body that it is today.

In his youth Mr. Draper was an outstanding player, and represented both the State and Australia a number of times.

INTERSTATE SOCCER

N.S.W.

Fed. 1st Div.: Prague 3, Bankstown 1; Gladesville 3, Apia 2; Canterbury 4, Sth Coast Utd. 2; Hellenic 2, Hakoah 2; Budapest 9, Austral 1; Auburn 2, Polonia 1.

Fed. 2nd Div.: Sutherland 3, Concordia 2; Toongabbie 2, Manly 1; Granville 3, Blacktown 2; Yugal 2, Julia 1; Corinthians 3, Croatia 0; Balgownie 2, Lidcombe 0.

SOCCER TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague ..	12	2	3	45	25	26
Canterb'y	10	3	4	42	23	23
Polonia N.S.	9	4	4	40	34	22
Pan Hellen.	9	4	4	37	29	22
Hakoah	8	5	4	51	33	21
Budapest	8	2	7	39	37	18
Auburn	6	5	6	35	26	17
Apia	7	2	8	42	39	16
Bankstown	5	4	8	28	32	14
Gladesville	5	3	9	28	33	13
South Coast	5	1	11	31	47	11
S. Austral	—1	1	16	21	83	1

Competition Table: Yugal 30, Balgownie, Granville 25, Blacktown 23, Croatia, Sutherland 21, Corinthians 18, Toongabbie 13, Concordia 8, Manly, Lidcombe 7, Julia 6.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

League: Orange 2, Cumberland 1; Lion 1, Juventus 1; Budapest 3, Polonia 0; Croatia 3, Beograd 1.

First Division: Edinburgh 3, Birkalla 2; Salisbury 3, Victoria 1; Sturt 4, Port Adelaide 1; Enfield 3, Elizabeth 0.

S.A. LEAGUE TABLES

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Croatia	13	2	2	43	21	28
Budapest	13	3	1	47	17	27
Juventus	11	3	3	44	18	25
Lion	7	8	2	30	33	16
Cumberl'd	5	11	1	30	44	11
Orange	5	11	1	22	44	11
Beograd	5	12	—	26	40	10
Polonia	3	12	2	19	44	8

FIRST DIVISION

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Victoria	13	3	1	52	27	27
Birkalla	12	3	2	53	25	26
Enfield	10	5	2	41	26	22
Salisbury	9	6	2	44	30	20
Edinburgh	5	8	4	33	48	14
Sturt	5	12	—	35	53	10
Elizabeth	4	12	1	36	61	9
Port	3	12	2	27	51	8

W. A.

Association— Association Cup (third round): Swan Valley 2, Kiev 1. **Second division:** Great Alexander 3, Malayan Tigers 2; Midland Juventus 6, Malta United 0; Cottesloe 3 drew with Melita 3; Macedonia 2, Queen's Park 0; Maccabean 2, Emu Rangers 1.

Yesterday—International matches: Australia 6, Europe 4; Metropolitan XI 6, Great Britain 4.

Federation—Saturday — First division: South Perth 4, Olympic 2; Windmills 6, Cracovia 2; Swan Athletic 1, Athena 0; East Fremantle-Tricolore 7, North Perth-Osborne 2.

Yesterday — First division: Fremantle City 2, Azzurri 1.

QLD.

Tristram Shield: Hellenic 3 (Woods 3), Annerley 0; Y.M.C.A. 5, Taringa 0; Latrobe 4, Blackstone 3; Merton 4, Sandgate 2.

Guthrie Shield: Oxley Reserve 5, Blackstone Reserves 2; Y.M.C.A. Reserves 4, Wynnum 3; Annerley Reserves d. Hellenic Reserves on forfeit.

First Division: Annerley 0, Hellenic 3; Blackstone 3, Latrobe 4; Bundamba 1, Azzurri 5; Easts 3, Mitchelton 1; Sandgate 2, Merton 4; Thistle 2, St. Helens 0; Y.M.C.A. 5, Taringa 0.

TASMANIA

First Division, South Hobart d. Croatia 3-2; Rangers d. Metro 1-0; Caledonians d. University 7-1; Second Division: Hollandia d. South Hobart 9-1; Wayatinah d. Wanderers 3-0; Olympia d. Olympia (2) 3-1; Kingston d. Wanderers (2) 4-0.

SAM'S Selections

By SAM KEMP, the Soccer News Pools Expert.

Here are my U.K. Pools selections for August 19.

1 Arsenal v Burnley
1 Birmingham v Fulham
1 Blackburn v Cardiff
2 Blackpool v Tottenham
1 Bolton v Ipswich
1 Chelsea v Notts Forest
1 Everton v Aston Villa
x Man. City v Leicester
x Sheff. United v Wolves
1 West Brom. v Sheff. Wed.
x West Ham v Man. United
2 Bristol R. v Liverpool
1 Leeds v Charlton
1 Luton v Preston
1 Middle'bgh v Derby
1 Newcastle v Leyton O.
2 Norwich v Bury
1 Scunthorpe v Brighton
x South'ton v Plymouth
1 Stoke v Rotherham
2 Swansea v Huddersfield
x Walsall v Sunderland
1 Halifax v Barnsley
1 Lincoln v Bourn'mouth
2 Newport v Grimsby
1 Notts C. v Bristol C.
1 Peterboro v Hull
1 Q.P.R. v Brentford
x Reading v Coventry
1 Shrewsbury v Port V.
1 Southend v Bradford
2 Swindon v Portsmouth
1 Torquay v Cristal P.
1 Watford v North'ton
1 Barrow v Crewe
1 Bradford C. v York
x Carlisle v Aldershot
1 Chester v Oldam
1 Chesterfield v Work'ton
x Colchester v Stockport
1 Gillingham v Doncaster
1 Mansfield v Exeter
1 Millwall v Wrexham
1 Rochdale v Hartlepools
1 Southport v Darlington
2 Tranmere v Accrington
x Airdrie v Rangers
1 Dundee U. v Aberdeen
x Hibernian v Celtic
1 Motherwell v Dun'mline
1 Patrick v St. John
1 Raith R. v Kilmarnock
x St. Mirren v Hearts
1 T. Lanark v Dundee
1 Clyde v Montrose
1 Cow'beath v Dum'ton
1 E. Stirling v Morton
2 Q. of South v E. Fife
1 Sten'muir v Hamilton
1 Stirling v Stranraer

FOUR SPECIALS

Here are my four aways:—

2 Blackpool v Tottenham
2 Norwich v Bury
2 Swansea v Huddersfield
2 Bristol R. v Liverpool

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McNEIL MAY RETURN TO MELBOURNE

I have it on good authority that Ron McNeil, the former Moreland player and coach, is on the high seas en route for either Melbourne or New Zealand.

Ron left Melbourne last December but since then has travelled around and has only recently arrived back in Scotland from South Africa.

He has been attending an advanced Coaching Course in Glasgow and has received offers from Canada and New Zealand.

He has turned down the Canadian offers but is seriously considering two Kiwi offers and may decide his future on arrival at Melbourne.

Ron played two seasons for Moreland at wing half back and before that was in Tasmania.

He has also represented Victoria and his senior club in Scotland was Raith Rovers.

—Jim Cook.

ALL EYES ON PROMOTION!

By RUSSELL LEA

With the merger of Fiorentina and Footscray probably depending on the victory in the First Division North championship by Fiorentina, clubs in the relegation and promotion games will watch future matches with interest.

There are two results possible from this merger: firstly only one team will be relegated from the North League and two promoted, or that two teams will be demoted from the First North and three promoted from the Second Division North.

This will give clubs in those scores extra incentive in the remaining matches this season.

Croatia and Sunshine City meet in the match of the day at Sunshine.

Croatia at the lead can't afford to drop a point as its two nearest rivals, Lions and Fiorentina, are hot on its tails. Home ground advantage favours Sunshine, but Croatia have a bigger incentive to win.

Fiorentina at home to Maccabi and Lions at home to Corio appear to be victorious for the two "home" teams.

If this happens, the promotion picture will still be as jumbled. Therefore, the three leading teams will be out for goals in order to build up their percentage.

Coburg and Collingwood, who look like being demoted meet Moonee Ponds and Footscray respectively.

Victory for Collingwood and Coburg is important in order that they can make a last minute break away from the relegation score. But I don't think these teams are good enough to win.

Likely winners: Fiorentina, Lions, Croatia, Moonee Ponds, Footscray.

In the second week running University appear in the match of the day in Second Division North, this week against Sicilia at Royal Park.

Promotion being the aim of both clubs, University and Sicilia can be relied upon to turn on a terific game.

Loss or draw to either team will endanger their chance of promotion for both teams must meet Alexander in the next two matches.

University will be out to avenge their 2-0 defeat by Sicilia when they last met. (This is the only match in which University have not scored this season). At home they should win, thereby ending Sicilia's promotion chances.

St. Albans, at home to Alexander, do not look like stopping Alexander and they should record another win.

Seymour apear to be in for another "beating" against Norlane Olympia, while I.C.I. do not look capable of stopping Fairfield at Fairfield.

Heidelberg and Williamstown meet in an even game, but the 'Towns better attack should enable them to win.

Likely Winners: — University, Alexander, Norlane Olympia, Fairfield, Williamstown.

FEATHERSTON RETURNS

Back with the Park Rangers Club after a long absence, Dick Featherston has again donned the maroon and white shirt for them, and is training consistently.

Club Secretary, Jack Key, is turning his hand to making a field marking machine, and doing an excellent job too.

Bermingham brothers, Aly and Des have combined knowledge and effort to design several training lights for the club, so no more excuses for not training. Well done lads!

The Fred Villiers Column

It is quite fantastic to move around and meet hundreds of men who say, "I love Soccer. I would like to do something.

"I can't play now, of course, but maybe I could referee or coach or look after the juniors."

It is frightening to go around the junior clubs and listen to the worries. "We just do not have sufficient referees, coaches and managers to go around.

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We are getting more and more players from seven upward, but unless we get more help it is not fair to the kids to take them on."

Surely this is the right moment for a big get-together.

It might well be many of the "volunteers" I meet are just talking. But I am convinced the majority are not.

It could be the junior association is exaggerating its plight. But the majority are not.

The important thing is to get the two groups together.

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Those who want to help should be encouraged to help by the association, who should publicise their needs. Soccer is growing so fast it can no longer rely on word of mouth to get the message around.

The biggest need at the moment is for referees.

We need more and more men who know the game, know the rules and, although possibly not fit or capable of controlling a first-grade game (although that would not be too difficult), able to look after the babes.

Remember, the juniors of today are the stars of tomorrow.

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Soccer made one of its biggest gains a couple of weeks ago when International coach Manny Poulakakis joined South Melbourne Hellas.

Manny, like former famous England international forward Frank Broome who arrived in Sydney recently to coach Bankstown, is impressed with the standard of soccer in Australia.

Broome rates Sydney soccer "equal to English third and fourth division".

Perhaps memories of the poor standard of Australian soccer when he toured with the 1951 England team influenced his comment. But soccer has come a long way since then.

It will go a lot further too, with the technical guidance of experts like Poulakakis and Broome.

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We want soccer of English first division standard, and to see Australia as a force in the international field.

How great it will be if, in two or three years, men like Poulakakis and Broome can manage a successful Australian team overseas to tell their home folk, "See what we've done!".

The ball now is at their feet, and soccer fans will be following their efforts to have Hellas and Bankstown set a standard.

Park Rangers to present trophies

At the conclusion of the season, Park Rangers Soccer Club will hold a presentation night at which trophies will be awarded for best and fairest, best defender, highest goal scorer and others.

The date and place has not been decided but plans are being discussed, so keep watching for further news —A. E. Bailey

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PREPARING FOR 1962

Now that the First Division has again eluded them, the Rangers are already planning next season's activities.

Inclusion of three new players into the club is only the beginning, and the whisper is that there is to be a much more rigid training program, so that players will be obliged to attend training nights or lose their places in the teams—A. E. Bailey

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Touhy shines

During a recent friendly against South Yarra, Park Ranger selectors had their eyes opened by a dazzling display of intelligent football by right-half-back, Jerry Touhy, who gave the forward line the drive to score 7 goals against the First Division side.

On the day's performance, this boy has earned his place in the senior team and will be an asset to the Rangers —A. E. Bailey

SHE WON AND LOST

Mrs. Van Hoboken's horse Carey Light won Saturdays Australian Hurdle at Caulfield, BUT . . .

Her team Wilhelmina lost to Juventus 3-2 at the Showgrounds.

Mrs. Van Hoboken's husband is Mr. J. Van Hoboken, President of Wilhelmina Soccer Club.

Carey Light's trainer told a reporter on Saturday, Mrs. Van Hoboken was keenly interested in the horse, but had seldom seen him win.

She preferred to watch her team play.

GERMANY'S TEAM

Germany Team to play Croatia on Sunday, August 13: Voigt (Goal), Eggert (RB), Faltyn (LB), Kleinert (RH), Marth (CH), Eschker (LH), Schumacher (or) Landherr (IR), Zielinski (CF) Goettlicher (IL) Ladehof (OL). Reserves: Reinbold, Bormann, Nueckel.

Transfer ?

The former Third Lanark, Newcastle and Scotland winger Bobby Mitchell may join Berwick Rangers the half Scottish and half English club in the Scottish Division.

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